

COLUSA COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Minutes of Public Meeting

December 10, 2002

The meeting of the Colusa County Children and families Commission was called to order at 3:15 p.m. in the Morse Conference Room at the Colusa Library, 738 Market Street, Colusa, California. Commissioners Nolan Gonzales, Dolores Gomez and Nancy Parriott were present constituting a quorum. Commissioner Christy Scofield arrived at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Barbara Hankins was not present.

Public attending: Charlette Lauppe.

Items discussed in accordance with the publicly posted agenda were as follows:

1. Approval of November 12, 2002 meeting minutes

Commissioner Gomez moved to approve minutes of the November 12, 2002 meeting as presented; motion seconded by Commissioner Gonzales. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote (3/0).

2. Review outstanding invoices and approve payment of expenses

A total of two invoices for a total of \$7,632.83 were presented for payment.

Commissioner Gomez moved to approve payment of the 2 invoices as presented; motion seconded by Commissioner Gonzales. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote (3/0).

3. Public comment and unscheduled matters (The Colusa County Children and Families Commission will not be making a determination on items brought up during this portion of the agenda)

Commissioner Gonzales announced that the Arbuckle Health Clinic was increasing services to five days a week due to the demand for medical services to the community and how well the clinic had been received since opening May 11, 2002. Commissioner Gomez said that she had heard from several members of the community that they are very pleased with the physician, Dr. Barrett, and the care they have received at the clinic.

The Commission discussed the improved services and additional doctors now available at the Colusa Regional Medical Center. Ms. Lauppe said that medical services have improved greatly since the adoption of the Strategic Plan two years ago. Commissioner Parriott added that the improvement to services is evident by the number of new doctors and other providers available now, in the county, and the increased use of those services.

4. Colusa County Children & Families Commission Chair Selection

The Commission discussed that Commissioner Scofield and Commissioner Parriott had done an excellent job as chair and vice chair during 2002 for the Commission.

Commissioner Gomez moved to approve Commissioner Scofield as chair and Commissioner Parriott as vice chair and that they continue in those positions for the Colusa County Children and Families Commission for 2003; motion seconded by Commissioner Gonzales. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote (3/0).

5. FIRST 5 Colusa Approval

The Commission discussed how to implement the use of FIRST 5 Colusa as part of the identity for the Colusa County Children and Families Commission. The Commission wants to be identified with the FIRST 5 California, however, want to continue the use of the full name of the Commission and logo. It was suggested to add the FIRST 5 Colusa to the letterhead and use on literature, media and public outreach resources.

Commissioner Gomez moved to approve incorporating FIRST 5 Colusa into the logo and to use FIRST 5 Colusa to identify the Colusa County Children and Families Commission for media and public outreach; motion seconded by Commissioner Gonzales. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote (3/0).

6. Adoption of California Children & Families Commission Principals On Equity

The Commission discussed the Principals On Equity adopted by the State Commission and said that they felt that the legislation for Proposition 10 was written for all children and did not declare special groups. The Commission stated that all children were special and need to be treated equally.

This item failed for lack of action. No Action taken.

7. Modification of Agreement

Commissioner Gomez moved to approve the Modification of Agreement for the Memorandum of Understanding with Colusa County to renew the agreement for 2003; motion seconded by Commissioner Gonzales. Motion was passed unanimously by voice vote (3/0).

8. Mini Grant Funding & Redirect Equipment

Ms. Lauppe presented the approved 2002/2003 Mini Grant packet and gave the Commission an update on the process. Applications will open December 27, 2002 and will be available at the Commission office located in Williams. Patty Gonzales and Angie Ocanas will work as co-coordinators on the project from December 2002 through May 2003 to complete the project. Letters and flyers went out to all parent organizations at the schools and to child-care providers through Children's Services. Ms. Lauppe said that an effort is being made to reach the exempt providers and those communities that were underserved by the 2001/2002 Mini Grant program. Priority will be given to first time applicants who apply to the mini grant program to increase the effectiveness of the grant-funding program and help the funds reach more children.

Ms. Lauppe reported that the Mini Grant Agreement contains a statement that says a grantee provider must remain in business for at least one year. In the event that a grantee provider ceases to provide childcare services before the one year anniversary that the mini grant was awarded, the Commission will redistribute the equipment and supplies purchased with the grant funding. Ms. Lauppe said that of the 28 grantees from the 2001/2002 Mini Grant program that only one provider was no longer providing services. She moved to another community in the county and was not able to continue her business. Ms. Lauppe is in contact with her and is trying to make an appointment to inventory the items that would need to be retrieved by the Commission for re-distribution.

The Commission asked that this item be continued at the next meeting after the inventory had been taken. The Commission will make a decision on how to re-direct the equipment according to the provision in the mini grant agreement.

Commissioner Scofield arrived and joined the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Parriott and Commissioner Gonzales said they have storage available for the Commission to use for the equipment if storage is necessary.

9. Executive Director Report

The Executive Director Report was submitted in writing. Ms. Lauppe presented the following items in addition to the written report.

A team training approach is developing in Colusa County as agencies partner to send representatives to workshops and conference training together. Ms. Lauppe said that in November the State Commission, First 5 California, sponsored a training in Oakland and that representatives from Special Education, Mental Health Department, Children's Services Special Needs Children & Child Development Department were coordinated to attend together. Colusa County Office of Education provided transportation for the group and all other costs were included in the workshop presented by TASC. November 15th a team of six were brought together to attend the "Stone Soup Symposium" in Sacramento to work on strategic planning for inclusive services for special needs children.

Ms. Lauppe presented a conference to be held on January 10 & 11, 2003 sponsored by Chico State and asked the Commission to consider supporting the registration fee for members of the team unable to pay for the registration through their own departments. "Children In Trauma" is designed as a two-day conference to look at the multifaceted issues surrounding children who experience trauma in their lives. The Commission asked Ms. Lauppe to contact agencies to inquire about funding a representative to send a team to this conference.

On December 5th Ms. Lauppe attended a Regional County meeting in Stockton. One of the items of discussion was a regional approach to Universal Health Care taken from Healthy Kids, funded by Santa Clara County. She said that the group of eight counties is planning to submit a joint proposal to California Endowment for a planning grant. If approved a consultant could be hired to direct the project for the counties. A meeting with Blue Shield is being scheduled to meet with the regional group to further research this project. Each county in the regional group will begin talking to the partners who would be involved in this project to provide insurance to all children zero to 5 in the county. Ms. Lauppe asked each Commissioner to begin conversation with those partners that include: Colusa Indian Health Clinic, Department of Health (Medical), Del Norte (Healthy Families), and any other appropriate partners.

Ms. Lauppe said that letters are going out in December to update all grantees on the state of the budget.

Ms. Lauppe discussed the State Evaluator, SRI, and that the School Readiness Evaluation Pilot is going very well. It should be complete in December. She has been working with the coach assigned to Colusa County on updates to the annual report form that will be used for reporting to the State Commission for 2003/2004. Work on that form will be more formal in January 2003 and will include work on the new Internet based evaluation system, PEDS. SRI has asked that each county select a grantee who will be trained, along with staff, to gather and input the data that will be required for the state reporting.

Ms. Lauppe announced that the Statewide FIRST 5 Conference is scheduled for April 23 through 25, 2003 in Orange County. Information for hotel registration was included in Commissioner packets and they are encouraged to register early. A calendar of dates and meeting sites was included in the packets to allow advance planning for Commissioners that may be able to attend CCAFA or State Commission meetings. January 15, 2003 CCAFA is planning another Commissioner Meeting in Sacramento. This follows a successful Commissioner meeting in Long Beach October 16, 2002. Commissioners were encouraged to review the notes from that meeting and to attend the January meeting, if possible.

Ms. Lauppe said that she would not be attending the CCAFA or State Commission meeting in December, as the meetings are located in Palm Springs. The agenda for the CCAFA meeting was included in the Commission packet for review and she will contact Sherry Novick, CCAFA Executive Director, with any comments the Colusa Commission would like to have included at the meeting on December 11, 2002.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled January 14, 2003 at the Morse Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by Charlette Lauppe, Executive Director to the Commission.

Attachment A: Invoice Packet 2 Invoices

Attachment B: FIRST 5 Colusa Logo

Attachment C: Principles On Equity, California Children & Families Commission Adopted October 2001

Attachment D: Modification of Agreement

Attachment E: 2002/2003 Mini Grant Packet

Attachment F: Executive Director Report December 10, 2002